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1. Since the fall of 1950 the vehicle strength of the Soviet Army in the DDR has been greatly increased. About 11,000 new vehicles, for the most part ZIS trucks from the Minsk factory, have been brought in from the USSR. They are not being used but are being held in readiness in pools.
2. During February 1951 a quantity of new vehicles arrived in Mecklenburg and Vorpommern by way of Gerdauen, East Prussia. It was observed from their numbers that they had come from the northern military districts of the USSR (Leningrad and Arkhangelsk).
3. The number of Russian tanks in the DDR has remained constant at approximately 4,000. It has been noted, however, that all the old T-34's have been replaced with new ones.
4. All the worn-out barrels in the Soviet Army's artillery pool in the DDR were recently replaced; all the pieces have now been brought up to combat readiness.
5. The Soviet Army troop training cycle has been shortened by some 20 to 26 days. Recruits arrive in Germany after approximately the same length of training in the USSR as before, but come to the rifle ranges 20 to 26 days earlier than usual and then go on their tactical bivouacs that much sooner.

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